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March 2001 N3SH WA3SH

Wow! What A WASHFest!

Well gang, another hamfest is in the books, and another success under our collective belts! The sixth annual South Hills Hamfest was another unqualified success thanks to the combined efforts of the WASH membership.

The fun all started at around 5 AM on Sunday morning with one of the largest groups of loyal club members ever showing up to help get the halls situated. The faithful Castle Shannon VFD staff had the halls standing stall as always, so all the startup crew had to do was move some tables around and then number them. The club table was set up quickly, with the prizes and tickets laid out. The talk-in station went on the air and the coffeepots started perking. (Not necessarily in that order!)

By the time 6 AM rolled around, we were open for business. The smell of fresh doughnuts and strong coffee permeated the hall as the first of the vendors lined up for their table assignments. Many were regulars, having attended our 'fest in years past; others looked at us incredulously when we mentioned FREE COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS. FREE? What's the catch? No catch. They were told it is just good old-fashioned hospitality.

By 8 AM we opened for General Admission, to an initially disappointing crowd. The early cold rains seemed to keep much of the crowds away, but the rains soon lifted, as did our spirits. The break in the weather brought out the crowds again, and while exact figures still have not been tallied, our attendance figures are definitely up for this year. Table sales held fairly steady, although not everyone who paid for a table actually showed up. More tables were sold at the door than ever before.

By 10 AM things were humming happily along. The forums while not heavily attended drew good reviews and many questions. So many, in fact that the schedule had to be modified to push back later presentations. Our thanks go out to Kevin Smith, N3HKN for his excellent forum on AMSAT and AO-40. Kudos also go to Don and Margi Stark, N3HOW and N3HOZ respectively for their excellent program on Operation Op-Sail 2000.

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Classes to Start March 14th

The Wireless Association of South Hills will teach a **FREE** class for prospective Amateur Radio Operators starting Wednesday, March 14th.

Classes will be held at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church, 3725 Brownsville Road, from 7 to 9 PM. The classes will run for 6 weeks, through April 18th, in time for the next WASH VE Test Session on April 19th.

Text for the class will be "Now You're Talking," 4th Edition, from the American Radio Relay League, available at many Radio Shack stores, at most Amateur Radio stores nationwide, and from the ARRL Web Site, www.arrl.org.

Class size will be limited. To pre-register, call (412) 882-7130 and leave your name and telephone number.

WASH wishes to thank our friends in the Pittsburgh Antique Radio Society who helped make the arrangements for the class room.

Swing! WASHFest 2001 in Full



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Next Meeting: March 8th, 2001

The next monthly meeting of the Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc. will be Thursday, March 8th, at the John McMillan Presbyterian Church, 875 Clifton Road in Bethel Park, starting at 7:00.

Guest speaker for the night is Konrad Kammerer W3KK, who is responsible for setting up the Amateur Radio communications for the Pittsburgh Marathon.

Talk-in on the 146.955(-) N3RNX/R and 443.650(+) N3FFP/R Repeaters (131.8 PL). All members, guests and interested parties invited!

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 WASH FM Net, 9:00 PM ET Sunday Nights on the 146.955 and 443.650 Repeaters

March 2001

•	WASH Digital
	Net, 9:30 PM
	Sunday Nights
	28.105 MHz
	RTTY & PSK31

LOOKING AHEAD:

- K4ZDH in town, April 14th. See Page 4
- WACOM Hamfest, Sunday, April 29th
- Dayton!
- WASHFest 2002, February 24th, 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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146.955 - PL 131.8 442.550 + PL 131.8 443.650 + PL 131.8

N3SH/WA3SH WASHNet, the weekly on-air net of WASH, meets every Sunday Night, 9:00 PM ET, on the 146.955 & 443.650 repeaters. The 10 Meter Digital N3SH/WA3SH WASHNet meets on 28.105 MHz at 9:30 PM ET following the conclusion of the FM net. (Frequency is +/- QRM) All radio amateurs, WASH members or not, are welcome to join in!

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As always, special thanks to the owners of both the N3RNX/R Repeater System and the N3FFP/R Repeater System for permitting the **Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc.** and it's members to use their repeaters for club purposes.

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WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test April 19th!

Our Next VE exam sessions will be **Thursday**, **April 19th**, **2001**, at 7:00 PM, at the John McMillan Presbyterian Church, 875 Clifton Road, Bethel Park, PA. Talk-in on 146.955 MHz. All examiners are ARRL VEC affiliated.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but if you plan on attending the test session, please contact VE Team Liason Jacqué Gosselin N3ZNI: Telephone (724)-746-9235 or E-Mail: n3zel@fyi.net

Please bring the following to your test session:

Picture ID or other suitable identification (2 forms of ID required)

Pen / Pencil / Calculator

ARRL Atlantic Division Director

Bernie Fuller

N3EFN

underwent

bypass surgery

on February 2nd

about a week

after suffering a

mild heart

attack.

Bernie is now

home and on his

way to a full

recovery. He

expects to be

back in the full

swing of things

by sometime in

April.

Original FCC license plus a copy of license (if upgrading) Original CSCE plus a copy of CSCE (if upgrading)

Check or Cash in the amount of \$10.00 (payable to: ARRL VEC)

We had a total of twenty four people sit for tests at the WASHFest 2001 VE Test session on

Nineteen of them upgraded or received new

New Extra:

N2VTW Benjamin Bertz

N4YKQ Douglas Hanna

New General: квзрри Tim Marsh

KB3FZR Matt Jones

N3ELV Marie Diaz

N3ONR James Stanko

WA3WPE Clyde Stacy

WB3HZX Frank J. Pascoe

WB3IAO Frank R. Pascoe New Technician:

Chris Costiloe (new)

CSCE Element 3

— Jacqué Gosselin N3ZNI, VE Team Liason

February 25th Test Results

February 25th.

licenses! Congratulations to:

KA3ZJW David Havaran

KB3FLM Joe Caldwell

WB3DPS Mark Lamborn

KB3EUQ Allen Hettman

N3EKN Glenn Ward

N3PBR Dennis Johnson

WB1BSU Alton Spencer jr.

John Beckley (new)

KB3EPI Mark Kuehl

Thanks to all of the VE Team who helped out, including: Ed Wolf N3UE, Kevin DeRose N3KFD, Bill Hill W3WH, Ed Salva W3VFA, Gerry Jackson K3BZW, and Bryan Beyer K3OL.

Village. Hope you can make it! **WASHFest** was another unqualified success and feather in our caps, so what's next? Next big (non-public service) event for the club is the Dayton Hamvention in mid-May. Don't forget to monitor 146.955 Simplex at Dayton for us to all stay in touch with each other, and if you're going to be there on Friday, start thinking

about where we can all go out for dinner after spending all of our

Breakfast is served! The inaugural, rescheduled WASH Club

Breakfast went off without a hitch on February 24th as an even dozen club members got together at the Kirwan Heights Eat 'n'

Park for their breakfast buffet. Present & accounted for were

KB3EPC, N3RNX, N3SBF & Carol, N3ZEL, N3ZNI, KB3CPI, W3VFA,

KA3UPY, N3FFP, KB3ENX and WN3VAW. The only small problem

was trying to sit together as we got spread out over 3 tables! Our next Club Breakfast will be held on March 31st at the Kings Family

Restaurant on McMurray Road, between Al's Café & South Hills

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money at the flea market during the day!

By all accounts, the concession area was constantly full, due in part to the scrumptious fare prepared by the folks from Hoagie Haven of Washington PA. (The free coffee didn't hurt either!) I saw a lot of folks exit the flea market to get a cup of mud and a doughnut, only to get up and take another tun around the tables again before leaving. Hmm, I think we may be onto something here!

By later in the morning I strolled over to the forum hall to check on things, and was pleasantly surprised to find partly sunny weather and 71-degree temperatures. Our luck has held out for another year, and I have similar weather on order for next year. Let's hope we don't get backordered.

The VE session was also a hit, having more than twenty candidates and about half that number of VEs present for duty. That session was one of the largest in our team's history, except for the onslaught following last year's revamping of the FCC rules. Everyone was already busy with other hamfest duties, but they managed to conduct a first-rate exam session too. My hat is off to the WASH VE team. Great job folks, as always.

You'll notice that I have not mentioned specific club members for their efforts and experience; this was entirely intentional. The first couple of years I tried to keep a list in my pocket of who did what and when so I could congratulate and recognize tem for a job well done. Invariably, I missed one or more people and hurt someone's feelings. The lone exception I will make here is to recognize Bill Hill, W3WH who served as Co-Chairman for this year's show and helped keep things on track, and kicked me every once in awhile to get things moving. I'd like to express my thanks to the entire group, club members and non-members for helping to once again pull off a first-class hamfest. It simply can't be done without a LOT of people behind the scenes and walking the floor the day of the event. I thank all that participated, in any way, manner shape or form. YOU are the ones who made this hamfest succeed, and I applaud you and give you my most sincere thanks.

2001 Dues are NOW DUE! Don't put it off, renew your membership today!

73. Steve Lane W3SRL, Co-Chairman WASHFest 2001 / South Hills Hamfest Committee Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc. N3SH/WA3SH WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS

Minutes, January 11th Meeting Paul Lusardi NØVLR, Vice President/Secretary WASH

The meeting was called to order at 19:10 by WN3VAW. There were 17 members and 3 guests present.

A moment of silence was observed for recent Silent Key's and other deserving persons.

Introductions were then made all around, as is our custom.

A motion was made to <u>accept the minutes</u> of the January meeting as published in the newsletter was made by Harold KB3CPI and seconded by Bob W3RJM and then carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Secretary: NØVLR: Rerminder to everyone to "talk-up" hamfest – get the word out.

<u>Treasurer</u>: N3RDV not present, no report.

VE Team: N3ZEL: Need extra VE's on hand for hamfest. 10 Preregistered candidates so far.

Repeaters: W3SRL / N3RNX: Repeater move is soon, 442.550 machine first, then 146.955 to follow.

FM Net: K3OL: A study of the swap'N'shop for our repeater concludes: a big time investment.

<u>Digital Net</u>: NØVLR for N3BSQ: No activity on digital net lately – will demonstrate HF modes at upcoming meeting.

Activities: WN3VAW: Monthly Club Breakfast postponed last month due to weather, will try again at the Kirwan Heights Eat N' Park on February 24th at 8:00 AM.

Hamfest: W3SRL: Much discussion surrounding the hamfest and final planning. Please come early and help out

Media: N3KFD: Kevin looking news media contacts

Contests: WN3VAW – no club station activity for Breezeshooter's Contest on the 24th planned.

Newsletter: WN3VAW: No report.

President: WN3VAW: Rich & Carol checking into classroom for "newhams" class, hope to have something in place by the hamfest.

Old Business: None

New Business: Annual WPRC dues for the N3RNX & W3SRL repeaters of \$10. Motioned by Steve W3SRL to pay it, seconded by Ted, WN3BOJ, carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn: Made by Dick, N3QMV and seconded by Larry, K3VX and carried unanimously.

Meeting was <u>adjourned</u> at 20:00 hours local time.

Presentation by John Getz AD8J on PacketCluster followed.

Monthly WASH Breakfast Saturday, March 31 st



Please join us for the next WASH Breakfast! We're going to get together on the LAST Saturday of every month for a chance to informally sit down, shoot the breeze, compare notes, and just have a good time together!



KB3ECD

KB3ENX

KB3EPC

N3RDV

N3RHT

N3RNX

We'll be rotating the location until we find one that suits most everyone. This month, we'll be at the Kings Family Restaurant on McMurray Road in Upper St. Clair, located about half-way between Al's Café and South Hills Village. Start time is about 8 AM until whenever. Monitor 146.955 for talk-in or any last minute changes.

All are welcome, WASH members or not, amateurs or not! Hope to see you there!

Update: One Saturday, Two Talks

Info Courtesy of Allan Harden N3UML & Chuck Gessner KC3ET

FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH will be the guest speaker at two talks in the Pittsburgh area, both to be held on Saturday, April 14th.

The first meeting, sponsored by the South West PA Packet Group and the Monessen ARC, will be held at the Blue Flame Restaurant on PA Route 51 in Pleasant Hills, about 2 miles south of the Century III Mall, starting at 10 AM. Seating is limited to about 150



persons, so reservations are limited. Please contact Gino WA3IOU geno@zelie.com or Allan N3UML n3uml@alltell.net for more information.

The second meeting, sponsored by the Two Rivers Amateur Radio Club W3OC, will be held at the Palace Inn in Monroeville, starting at 6 PM. The Palace Inn is near the corner of US 22 and PA Route 48, about a mile from the Turnpike interchange. Seating is also limited and will be on a first-come first-served basis. More information is available on the W3OC BBS Calendar.



"I had a good time, and REALLY enjoyed the coffee. I needed it to get the eyes open. The weather felt almost like it was trying to be summer for you!"

WPA ASM Sally Jo Crider N3MYZ

Wireless Association of South Hills **Membership**

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AA3JS	KB3FNM	N3TBK	N3ZEG	WB3BPH
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KA3WZO	N3CCC	N3XFE	W3RJM	K3EED (SK)
KB3ANH	N3CZZ	N3XI	W3SRL	N3KEH (SK)
KB3CPI	N3IDH	N3YPB	W3VFA	N3OBD (SK)
KB3DCO	N3KFD	N3YQY	W3WH	W3ZLK (SK)
KB3DSB	N3MJQ			
KB3DSD	N3QMV	Th	rough Februs	ary 28th, 2001
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List complied by

Mark Stabryla N3RDV

Vice President/Treasurer

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hey — we'll be back next year and do it all over again! Only even better!

WASH 2M Simplex Contest Results

made it work!

Ed Oelschlager N3ZNI, Contest Chairman

Once again, let me thank you all for participating in our first 2 Meter FM Simplex Contest. This started as just a thought, then a suggestion, then it really took off! It was lots of fun, most everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and no, it certainly wasn't perfect this first time. But it was a start, and

Thank you also to all who helped out; Paul NØVLR for designing our QSL Card, Ron WN3VAW for designing the certificates, to everyone for input and feedback, but most of all, to the participants who

High Power		
N3JYF	John	804
N3BPB	Bill	518
N3LIF	Ed	495
KA3KSP	Jim	462
N3XTB	Ed	200
N3TTE	Joe	162
KB3FBI	Fred	134
Low Power		
W3JAF	Jeff	88
KB3DVD	Adolph	4
High Power	WASH	
N3RNX	Pete	3,362
N3ZNI	Ed	1,652
N3ZEL	Jacqué	1,475
WN3VAW	Ron	1,323
NØWPV	Annette	1,200
KB3CPI	Harold	782
W3VFA	Ed	646
KB3EPC	Bob	396
Low Power	WASH	
K3OL	Bryan	3,872
KB3FNM	Hank	2,016
KB3FQT	Keith	1,600
N3UE	Ed	6
N3YQX	Jessica	6
Mobiles		
KE3XB	Dr. John	13,167
N3UML	Allan	3,827
N3WPT	Bob	1,416
KB3CYA	Judy	987
N3KFD	Kevin	360
N3YFO	Dave	136
Club		
W3KWH	Steel City	3,827
WA3COM	WACOM	1,412
N3SH	WASH	3,239
WA3SH	WASH	2,390



I used a 4 element, beam (Arrow brand) on a 6 foot mast, through the sunroof. Retracted slightly as I traveled to my three locations: Bridgeville, Scott Twp, and Mt. Lebanon. Power out: 10 watts. — KE3XB



N3UML has to watch out for low bridges with this impressive mobile setup!

Feedback

"This is my first contest; I'm a new ham!" — Fred KB3FBI "I only had the chance to work one hour of the contest. But I enjoyed it throughly! To make contacts with only 50 Watts from Natrona Heights was really fun. Looking forward to next year!" — Bill N3WMC

"FB Contest!" — Chuck WC3C

"Thanks for a neat local contest!" — Jim KA3KSP "Thanks for the contest. Can't wait for next year!" — Allan N3UML

"We worked someone on the other side of Cleveland on simplex!" — Bob W3RJM (W3KWH Op)

"KB3FNM & N3HOW told us how they were running around in the snow on Saturday morning putting up a new antenna for Hank so that he could work the contest!" — Jacqué N3ZEL

"Had a great time, and the wife did too (WHAT A SURPRISE that was)!" — Paul NØVLR *munch* *munch* *munch* — Kevin N3KFD

"We were swamped & don't even have the coverage that some folks do, so we didn't hear everyone involved. Maybe it's just 'contests be fun' or maybe we enjoyed all getting on without the help of repeaters. Whatever, it was a hoot!" —Jacqué N3ZEL

And... W8UKQ said (via NØVLR) that he was happy that there was a local 2 meter contest and is looking forward to next year.



NØWPV & "assistants" logging contacts

"Have Fun Storming the Castle!" * — WASHFest 2001 Pictures!

* from the movie "The Princess Bride", on a note from one ham's wife sent in with the bake sale goodies



5:45 AM: Dick N3QMV checking over the tables as the vendors start coming in. Background: Judy (K3EED [sk]'s wife)

"TNX so much for WASH's hospitality at the ham fest. It turned out to be a decent show for EQF Software... enough interest to make it worthwhile... PSE Relay our thanks to

— Tom Dandrea N3EQF

all the gang!"



The first thing the vendors see in the morning: N2QIV, KB3ERQ, W3SRL



Bill W3WH makes the coffee and puts out the donuts, which Pete N3RNX is taste testing (Kevin N3KFD was running late).



The Pittsburgh Antique Radio Society members setting up their very impressive display!



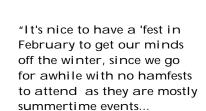
Tom Dandrea N3EQF showing off the beta of the new Windows version of Log-EQF. Sorry, no sneak previews, you have to wait for the debut at Dayton!

ARRL WPA ASM Sally Jo N3MYZ, WPA SM John N3MSE, and (not shown) Atlantic Division Vice Director Bill N3LLR spent a busy morning talking to people



Mike K3AIR and friend busy checking over a DXCC submission

It was packed like this almost all day!



I even found a couple of small goodies to add to the shack!"

 ARRL DXCC Field Checker Mike Lazaroff K3AIR



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Pete N3RNX busy at the club test bench



Bill W3WH talking with a happy vendor



Spotted at WASHfest 2001



Old BrassPounders Never Die, they just hang out at lots of area Hamfests! Chuck WC3C and Ben N3BM



Bob W3RJM & Carol working the club table



Rich N3SBF assisting at the tables



"Mr. PA" Steve W3SRL

All photos on these two pages courtesy of & ©Copyright 2001 Dave Imhoff W3HND and Ron Notarius WN3VAW. If you can't tell who took what, consider that Dave had the much better digital camera!

Paul NØVLR, Annette NØWPV & the 5 Harmonics



Vickie N3XBX enjoying the morning

The Way It Was: A Letter to KV4AA

From the DX Column, CQ Magazine, March 1957

Vienna, December 19th, 1956

Dear Dick.

It's possible you will be surprised when receiving this letter from me even in Vienna in OE-land. There is the sorrowful situation that I had to refugee from Hungary when I was born and have lived leaving all my friends and all my things there.

Quite sure you must know about the happenings of last two months in Hungary. Just so as the HA5KBA story. At last we took part in the W.W.DX Contest, making about 145,800 points in the phone section but afterwards the revolution broke out on October 23rd, there were fights, so we couldn't go on the air at the CW contest period days.

During the few free days of revolution we made again QRV the station. When the second Soviet invasion began, at morning 4th November I used HA5KBA for asking for help from the West, even from the UNO, via the ham emergency service in the 14 mc phone band. Personally I was operating then, transmitting the message of help to

F9GL, DL4ME, ON4TX, SM5YR and so on. Afterwards when we have seen no help was coming I was living in illegality during 5 weeks because I sure should have been hanged for this. Once I was captured by the Russians but, at last, I succeeded in crossing the HA-OE frontier on 10th December. Since that time I have been living in Vienna searching for any possibility to go to

the USA. I should like to live in peace and freedom, to work without an horror. I guess to find these in the USA.

There is no HA5KBA anymore. We hope the amateurs who had us acquainted during our two year activity will not forget us now.

Many HA hams we have lost during that time. Well-known phone ham HA5BB emigrated into PY-land. HA5AV (ex-HA4H, HA5X) is already employed in TV at Zurich, Switzerland. Many young boys, as Lacy, have disappeared during last week, you will remember Lacy as being a fine operator at HA5BKA.

Coming through into OE-land I have brought nothing with myself but three log books and a few QSL cards of HA5BKA. If somebody still needs a QSL I can send via W3AXT.

Excuse me for this sorrow letter and for my bad English. Although I do not see anyway now I hope we can meet once upon a time on the air again. Please join me to all hams with kindest regards, 73's.

Bandi, ex-HA5BM/HA5KBA



"I enjoyed once again the opportunity to come down and meet with the various amateurs. It was a great day and a nice event and I think the coffee idea was a big hit and made the people feel at home with the opportunity to sit around and chat."

WPA Section Manager John Rodgers N3MSE

Silent Keys



DX News Briefs

3YØC was expected to go QRT on March 3rd or 4th depending on the exact arrival of the pick-up ship. He planned remained active right up until that time on 160 through 40 meters. QSL via WA4FFW — ZR1DQ, 3YØC Web Site



According to the The 59(9) Report web page, http://members.aol.com/ the599rpt/dx.htm, by owner WB2YQH "The decision was made to retire from the DX bulletin business. The subscription list was sold to Bernnie McClenny, W3UR, Publisher of The Daily DX. The subscribers began recieving The Weekly DX in the same Paper and .PDF formats offered by us. We enjoyed every issue during our 7 year run. We remain in business as a "Flying Horse" Callbook Distributor." A more detailed announcement is also available on the Daily DX web page, www.dailydx.com. The 59(9) report had been introduced in April 1995, and in November of 1996 took over the subscriber base of the DX Bulletin. The change to The Weekly DX was to be effective as of March 2001 — The 59(9) Report

The Sir Francis Drake Report:

SØNY was QRV on 10 meters on February 11th, allegedly the Sony Contest Club, QSL Manager JA2SON. Neither call is currently issued and directional headings from the Philippines were the wrong direction. Many packet spots called him a Pirate — AC6V

QSL Routes:

D68BT via EA3BT — EA3BT **5U2K** via I2YSB — KI4RU **5U3T** via I2YSB — KI4RU DL7AFS/HI9 via DL7AFS — DJ7ZG AC4G/KH9 via AC4G — KZ2I **DJ7ZG/HI9** via DL7AFS — DJ7ZG

T88DX via JI3DLI — W3BJ C6AKP via N4RP— N4RP **BV9L** via BV4YB — JI6KVR EA8BH via OH2BH — N4GN

8P5A via W2SC NOT via K4BAI — K4BAI 3W2LWS via WA1LWS — WA1LWS

"I am not QSL manger for 8P5A. I have not seen a route announced, but the operator was Tom, W2SC. If there is no announcement of a QSL route, I'd QSL via W2SC. 8P5A is a call that I requested in 1999, but was denied. I am QSL mgr for 8P9HR, 8P9HT and 8P9Z. I am getting two to three QSLs for 8P5A a day and W2SC hasn't answered my e-mail." — K4BAI.

Special prefix **3E5ØØ** (Three Echo Five Hundred) will be used by amateur radio operators from Panama celebrating the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the isthmus from 1 to 31 March. QSL cards for this event will be handled by HP1RCP (Radio Club de Panama, P.O. Box 10745, Panama 4, Republic of Panama). For further information please contact hp1rcp@qsl.net — 425 DX News

K5K QSLs are due from the printer any day and processing will begin as soon as they arrive. Requests for KH6ND/KH5 are being processed daily. T32R QSL's are being printed and will be processed along with K5K and KH6ND/KH5 direct requests. There is no need for concern for the lack of sufficient postage for direct requests received before early January, as all SASEs or requests which include return postage will be answered. However requests sent in 2001 should include sufficient return postage. Direct cards with no SAE, non-US stamps or money from other countries will be answered in due course via the bureau — K4TSJ

Look for KHØ/JM1LRQ 22-26 March, 160 – 6 CW &SSB. He plans to be QRV in the CQ WPX SSB Contest & will concentrate on CW outside of the contest. QSL to JM1LRQ or via bureau — KF2TI

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Pittsburgh Marathon 2001

Konrad Kammerer W3KK w3kk@aol.com

As you know, amateur radio is a valuable communication resource to our community in times of need. Whether responding to a disaster or providing communications for public service events, amateur radio has always been there to contribute its time, manpower and equipment to a variety of events. As an ARRL affiliated club, you set the example for public service both within the ranks of amateur radio and in your community.

The UPMC Medical Center/City of Pittsburgh Marathon has again requested amateur radio support for this event. The marathon is scheduled for **Sunday**, **May 6**, **2001**. Amateur radio has been a vital part of the success of previous marathons. Unfortunately, over the past few years the number of amateur radio volunteers for the marathon has dropped off considerably.

To become part of this event, you can register electronically by going to http://www.cs.pitt.edu/~hoffman/marathon.html. We will be needing at least 150 volunteers to cover the Mile, Aid Station, Shadow and Vehicle assignments. If this will be your first time, we will pair you with an experienced operator. All you will need is your 2 mtr or 440 HT or mobile unit. As in the past, assignments will be mailed the week of the marathon. We will also have our pre race get together the day before the race to pass out shirts, hats, credentials and answer any question you might have. There will also be a volunteer appreciation party a few weeks after the event.

Once again, The UPMC Medical Center/City of Pittsburgh Marathon would like to present plaques to the Amateur Radio Clubs that provide the highest percentage of volunteers for the marathon. Last year's plaques went to The Carnegie Tech ARC and the North Hills ARC. This year, 3 plagues will be awarded. In an effort to even the playing field, plaques will be awarded to the clubs that:

- [1] Have 50 or less members; or
- [2] Have between 51 to 150 members; or
- [3] Have 151 members or more

The rules are simple:

- [1] Volunteers will indicate their Amateur Radio Club membership(s) on the amateur radio marathon application. Volunteers who belong to more than one club can indicate each club they belong to. Each club will receive credit for that member volunteering.
- [2] The Amateur Radio Clubs considered to be the winners will be those with the highest percentage of its members in each of the 3 categories who volunteer. The percentage of volunteers from each club will be based on the members who check in on the day of the event. The total number of club members will be determined by club information on the ARRL Club Member web site as of May 1st, 2001.

I invite you to volunteer. Many of your members have volunteered for past marathons. Hopefully this "friendly" competition between clubs will develop more of an interest in volunteering for the UPMC Medical Center/City of Pittsburgh Marathon, as well as gaining an appreciation for amateur radio maintaining a "public service commitment and presence."

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

FCC News

ARRL Web Extra courtesy American Radio Relay League

NEWINGTON, CT, February 15th, 2001 — The FCC has asked a wireless Internet system provider what it intends to do to eliminate interference to Amateur Radio operations in the Dallas, Texas area.

The FCC wrote Darwin Networks Inc on February 8, 2001, regarding complaints of harmful interference to Amateur TV on 2.4 GHz that's said to be a result of the company's deployment of Part 15 devices in an apartment complex.



The FCC said Darwin Networks' Part 15 devices at the Post Townlake Village property in Dallas apparently were installed in the apartment complex to provide Internet service using wireless 2.4 GHz nodes.

In the letter, FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth noted that operators of Part 15 devices are required to cease operation should harmful interference occur to authorized (ie, licensed) spectrum users. "Darwin Networks is obligated under Commission rules to locate the source of interference caused by its equipment and make necessary corrections within a reasonable time," he said.

The FCC defines "harmful interference" under §97.3(a)(23) as "Interference which endangers the functioning of a radionavigation service or of other safety services or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunication service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations." A similar definition appears in the Part 15 rules.

According to Hollingsworth, Darwin's chief technical officer, Jeff Wellenmeyer, had written the unidentified complainant stating that its devices were operating under Part 18 Industrial, Scientific and Medical rules, which would not obligate the company to resolve amateur complaints. But Hollingsworth said it appears that Darwin is not operating Part 18 ISM devices but Part 15 devices that are not covered by the same sort of exception. He also pointed out a statement in the Darwin letter that said the company was operating under §15.249 of the FCC rules.

Hollingsworth gave Darwin Networks 10 days to reply. The letter was send to the company via its attorney, Terry Cavanaugh of Washington, DC.

FYI Networks

For Your Information needs

FYI Networks, an Internet Service Provider in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas since 1995, is offering all members of WASH their Basic Internet account for only \$18/month. This includes one e-mail box, 3 MB of disk space, web page hosting, Telnet & FTP access, and in some areas Toll-Free 500 Area Code service. Call FYI toll-free at 1-877-FYI-4NET, or e-mail them at sales@fyi.net, for more details or to sign up. You must mention that you are a member of the Wireless Association of South Hills to get the discount rate.

Many thanks to FYI Networks for making this special offer available to us for the past three years!

Thank You to One & All Who Attended WASHFest 2001 for helping to make it another success!

— from the Wireless Association of South Hills N3SH / WA3SH

WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS



Two Rivers ARC 29th Annual Hamfest & Computer Show Sunday, March 25th, 8:30 AM until 3 PM Palace Inn, Corner of Routes 48 and 22, Monroeville

Talk-in on the 146.730 Repeater. Mobile Check-in on 146.52 Simplex.

Admission \$5.00 per person, children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

VE Testing starts at 1:00 PM.

48 Hour Pre-registration requested, walk-ins on a space-available basis. Call Bob 412-678-1206 or Jay 412-664-1883, or email n3xbw@arrl.net Main Prizes (need not be present to win):

1st Prize: Yaesu FT-8100R Dual Band Mobile
2nd Prize: Yaesu VX-5R Tri-Band Handheld
3rd Prize: Yaesu FT-50RD Dual Band HandHeld

Tickets In Danger: March

Do you know any of the amateurs listed below? According to the QRZ.COM web site, these are all hams whose tickets are about to expire Once expired, they may not operate until they renew, and if they do not renew during the 2 year grace period...

If you know them, let them know. Hopefully they've just forgotten or their paperwork is in process.

This list was effective February 28th. Go to www.qrz.com for up to date information.

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Please return completed membership form along with check/money order to the club treasurer or mail to:

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John Getz AD8J (left) discussing Packet Cluster with Paul Lusardi NØVLR (right) following our February meeting while Frank Bobro KB3FZU (center) looks on.

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Don't forget - March 8th is our annual post-hamfest Pizza night, so come hungry! (The pizzas are on WN3VAW, but no anchovies)